

Friedan's survivors include her sons, Daniel Friedan and Jonathan Friedan; daughter Emily Friedan; nine grandchildren; a sister, Amy Adams; and a brother, Harry Goldstein. Her former husband Carl Friedan died in December 2005.

Like other strong, outspoken women, Betty Friedan was widely and loudly criticized in the 1960s and 1970s for being too strong, vocal, and unrealistic. Betty Friedan endured that criticism to make her mark in the world.

Women have made tremendous strides since "The Feminist Mystique" was first published. We have a stronger voice in our communities and in our workplaces. I am proud to serve as 1 of 14 women in the Senate, and we now have 68 women in the House of Representatives. We have made progress, but much more needs to be done.

As we remember the life and accomplishments of Betty Friedan, let us rededicate ourselves to achieving full equality for women in America.●

HONORING ROY PALMER VARNER

● 1Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I wish to remember the life of Roy Palmer Varner of Marietta, GA. Like many of his generation, Roy Varner bore witness to some of the most important moments and changes in our Nation's history. But Roy Varner wasn't merely a passing observer of the events of the 20th Century, he was an active and influential participant in them.

A native son of Georgia, Roy Varner possessed a deep sense of duty and service, which was tested on December 7, 1941. Without hesitation, he joined the effort to defend freedom by enlisting in the Army and soon found himself in the 101st Airborne Division. On June 6, 1944, Mr. Varner joined thousands of his brothers in parachuting ahead of the Allied invasion at Normandy. A few months later, the effort to liberate Europe turned toward Holland, and when his name was called again, Mr. Varner did not hesitate to reenter the fray as a part of Operation Market Garden. For men like Roy Varner, there was no question of the righteousness of their task. They knew it would be a difficult journey, and that not all of them would live to see it through. But they were loyal, patriotic men of faith who understood the weight of their responsibility and never questioned their belief that their mission would be successful. And that, is why we call them the Greatest Generation.

After the war, Mr. Varner returned to his home in Cobb County, GA, and married Mary Munro, who would stand loyally by his side for the next 56 years. In the early 1950s, Mr. Varner began what would become a long and successful career as a commercial real estate developer. Although his work took him all over the Southeast, the mark that he left on the early development of Cobb County was his most lasting. As a real estate businessman in Atlanta for over

30 years, I knew him personally and saw the product of his vision and hard work take shape in the projects he developed. Mr. Varner's influence on the community was also evident in his work as the chairman of the industrial committee for the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce and his service as a member of the Marietta Rotary Club.

As a businessman, Roy Varner personified the values of honesty and hard work, but he was also a man of intellect and faith, and, above all, a family man. The son of a minister, Mr. Varner embarked on his life with a certain zeal that only comes with a belief in God, and he actively served his church community as a lay leader and fundraiser. A firm believer in the value of education, Mr. Varner attended Woodrow Wilson Law School after being honorably discharged from the Army and remained a scholar of history, art, literature, and world events for the rest of his life. He lived by his ideals and passed his principles on to his four children and ten grandchildren, who have continued his work and his legacy and who are the living embodiment of the values and beliefs that shaped his life and influenced the lives of so many others.

On February 8, 2006, Mary Varner lost her husband and the world lost a truly great man. He deeply influenced his family and community, left an indelible mark on the landscape of Cobb County and, as a member of the Greatest Generation, helped influence the course of history. He fought for our country and he helped to build our Nation. But, as is often the case with men like Roy Varner, his contributions cannot easily be measured. He will be remembered by many different people for many different reasons, but Roy Varner should be remembered by this body as nothing less than an American hero.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1989. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, as the "Holly A. Charette Post Office".

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 79. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that no United States assistance should be provided directly to the Palestinian Authority if any

representative political party holding a majority of parliamentary seats within the Palestinian Authority maintains a position calling for the destruction of Israel.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 300. Concurrent resolution paying tribute to Shirley Horn in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the world of jazz and American culture.

H. Con. Res. 341. Concurrent resolution condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council.

H. Con. Res. 345. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 300. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit deplorably infringed on parental rights in *Fields v. Palmdale School District*. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Gulf tax credit bonds and advance refundings of certain tax-exempt bonds, and to provide a Federal guarantee of certain State bonds. A concurrent resolution paying tribute to Shirley Horn in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the world of jazz and American culture; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 341. Concurrent resolution condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2320. A bill to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Preston M. Geren, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

*James I. Finley, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

*Thomas P. D'Agostino, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Ronald F. Sams to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General David L. Frostman and ending with Colonel Paul M. Van Sickle, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.